

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to start our new topic – **“All Creatures Great and Small”!** 🐾

This half term, the children will explore pets, farm and woodland animals, their homes, and how to care for them. We will also learn about Sikhs and Muslims. Learning will cover all areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Prime Areas

Communication and Language – Listen for key story details, answer “why” and “how” questions, use longer sentences, take turns in conversation.

Physical Development – Throwing, catching, and moving safely with balls; developing gross and fine motor skills.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development – Learning about families and making friends, healthy habits and exercise, building confidence and teamwork.

Specific Areas

Understanding the World – Pets, farm and woodland animals; where animals live and how they protect their homes; caring for the environment; learning about Sikhs and St Georges Day.

Literacy – *Dear Zoo*, animal descriptions, letters; sentence structure, fact files, story sequencing.

Mathematics – Patterns, positions, sorting numbers to 10; number bonds and simple calculations.

Expressive Arts and Design – Drawing, clay modelling, printing; symmetrical pictures and 3D models; songs, rhythms, short performances, imaginative play.

You can support your child at home by reading stories, talking about animals, practising writing, drawing, and being active.

We look forward to a fun and exciting half term!

Kind regards,

The Reception Team